CITY OF GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

A meeting was held on Thursday, August 4th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.

Meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Attending were members Larry Ingersoll and Michael Mulcahey. Also present was City Councilor Ann Mulcahey.

AGENDA

Order #CC2011-028 (Councilor Tobey) That the O&A investigate and report to the Council an enactment of a "Gloucester Residents Only" parking district ordinance on Beach Court in front of 17-21 Commercial Street from June 15th through July 15th.

(Note: The O&A Committee wishes to get feedback from the TC on this matter)

After a discussion, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to RECOMMEND the following Ordinance:

Amending GCO 22-270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only May 1st to September 15th)) and 22-291 (Tow Away Zones) by ADDING:

17-21 Commercial Street, westerly side, in a southerly direction to its intersection with Beach Court AND Beach Court, both sides, for its entire length.

NOTE: This is similar to an order that was submitted by Councilor Curcuru (CC2009-042) which was tabled until a ruling was made by the city's legal department.

Confusion by the police when writing parking tickets for resident only violations is due to there being no code on the tickets for that specific violation. It currently is either a prohibited area (\$15) or prohibited beach area (\$45). This is something that will need to be addressed when new ticket books are printed.

The O&A Committee asked the TC to look for ways to increase the inventory of public parking spaces in the downtown area. At this time, the only areas the TC could possibly see were as follows:

Harbor Loop: reconfiguring or removing some of the current parking for tractor trailers and install meters to the area for use by cars.

At a meeting in December of 2007, the TC approved a recommendation to remove the Loading Zone/Taxi Stand on Rogers Street by Lat 43 (Order #CC2007-44 by Councilor

Foote). This would have added 2 or 3 metered spaces. We believe that this recommendation was never followed.

Upon completion of the Harbor Walk and development of the I4-C2 parcel, the TC will be better able to look for increased parking inventory.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary